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Great. Thanks.

On Mar 15, 2012, at 6:45 PM, "Roy Seneca" <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, we have hand-delivered information packets with results to all 11 homeowners with offers to schedule follow-up meetings to discuss specifics of their results.

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Ok...I assume you notify the homeowner?

On Mar 15, 2012, at 5:57 PM, "Roy Seneca" <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

In accordance with the Privacy Act, the Agency does not share an individual homeowner's sample results with the public. In general, we will offer a summary about our findings.

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I wanted to know if the Sautner's home was among the results that have come back?

Thanks,

JR

On Mar 15, 2012, at 5:26 PM, "Roy Seneca" <Seneca.Roy@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

John -- Terri White forwarded me your email. Sorry for any inconvenience, but we are taking all questions regarding Dimock sampling results via email. Please email us your questions and we will try to get back to you asap. -- Roy
In case you have not seen it, here is the EPA statement issued today:

On Jan. 19, as a result of requests from residents and a review of the data we had in hand, EPA announced it would perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns.

The first round of sampling results is now available for the first 11 homes that were tested during the week of Jan. 23.

Sampling results from these 11 homes did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern. Samples from six of the 11 homes did show concentrations of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but concentrations were all within the safe range for drinking water. The sampling results also identified the presence of arsenic at two homes.

Out of the 11 homes tested, there are currently three homes receiving an alternate water supply provided by EPA. EPA will continue to provide water to these homes while we perform additional sampling to ensure that the drinking water quality at these homes remains consistent and acceptable for use over time. EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels meet drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells. After receiving results from the second round of sampling, EPA will re-evaluate the need to continue providing an alternate water source.

EPA has offered to meet with all the residents to go over their data and answer any health-related concerns. As further quality assured data becomes available for the remaining homes, we will share with the homeowners in an expedited manner. Our actions will continue to be based on the science and the law as we work to help get a clear picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock.

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